

SENATE BILL No. 351

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-17.

Synopsis: Military family relief fund. Changes the definition of "qualified service member" for purposes of the military family relief fund law to mean an individual who is: (1) an Indiana resident; (2) a member of the armed forces or the National Guard; and (3) serving on active duty. Removes the provision that limits to three years the time during which an Indiana qualified service member is eligible to receive assistance from the military family relief fund.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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January 14, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs.



Second Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2014)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2013 Regular Session and 2013 First Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the military and veterans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-12-7.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.50-2009,
2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7.5. As used in this chapter, "qualified service
4 member" means an individual who is:
5 (1) an Indiana resident;
6 (2) a member of:
7 (A) the armed forces; or
8 (B) the National Guard; and
9 (3) serving on active duty.
10 (A) after September 11, 2001; and
11 (B) during a time of national conflict or war.
12 SECTION 2. IC 10-17-12-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2013,
13 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 8. (a) The military family relief fund is established
15 to provide assistance with food, housing, utilities, medical services,
16 basic transportation, child care, education, employment or workforce,



1 and other essential family support expenses that have become difficult
 2 to afford for qualified service members or dependents of qualified
 3 service members. The fund may also be used to provide for grants for
 4 reimbursement for training and for computer equipment and software
 5 for county and city veterans' service officers.

6 (b) Except as provided in section 9 of this chapter, the commission
 7 shall expend the money in the fund exclusively to provide grants for
 8 assistance as described in subsection (a). The director shall each year
 9 provide a report to the budget committee concerning the grant program
 10 under this chapter.

11 (c) A qualified service member or the qualified service member's
 12 dependent may be eligible to receive assistance from the fund. ~~for up~~
 13 ~~to three (3) years after the earlier of the following:~~

14 ~~(1) The date the qualified service member's active duty service~~
 15 ~~ends:~~

16 ~~(2) The date, as established by presidential proclamation or by~~
 17 ~~law, of the cessation of the national conflict or war with respect~~
 18 ~~to which the qualified service member is eligible to receive~~
 19 ~~assistance under section 7-5(3)(B) of this chapter:~~

20 (d) The commission shall administer the fund.

21 SECTION 3. IC 10-17-13-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2010,
 22 SECTION 88, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 10. (a) The commission shall manage and develop
 24 the fund and the assets of the fund.

25 (b) The commission shall do the following:

26 (1) Carry out the duties of the commission set forth in IC 10-17-1.

27 (2) Establish a policy for the investment of the assets of the fund.
 28 In establishing a policy under this subdivision, the commission
 29 shall:

30 (A) establish adequate long term financial goals for the fund;
 31 and

32 (B) provide adequate funding for the military family relief
 33 fund established by IC 10-17-12-8. ~~during a time of war or~~
 34 ~~national conflict:~~

35 (3) Acquire money for the fund through the solicitation of private
 36 or public donations and other revenue producing activities.

37 (4) Perform other tasks consistent with prudent management and
 38 development of the fund.

